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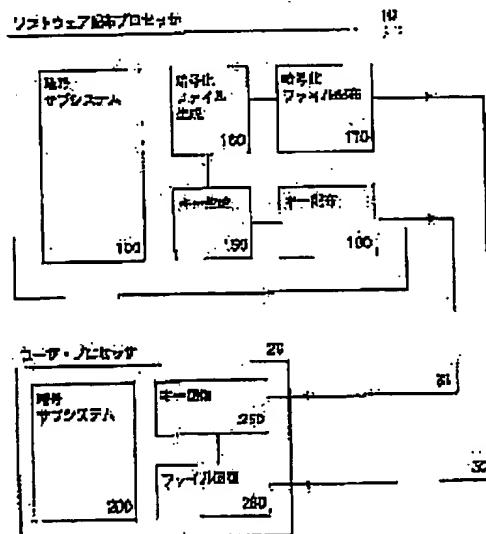
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(54) SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND ITS METHOD

(57)Abstract

PURPOSE: To provide a software distribution system whose safety protection function is enriched.

CONSTITUTION: In a software distribution processor 10, respective plural software files are respectively ciphered by using file ciphering keys corresponding to them and then recorded on a CD-ROM for instance. In the case that a user processor 20 requires the execution of a specified software file, a request is sent from the user processor 20 to the software distribution processor 10. In response to the request, the ciphered file ciphering key corresponding to the file in the request is returned to the user processor 20. In this case, the user processor 20 can decipher only the requested file on the CD-ROM. The other files on the CD-ROM are kept in a ciphered form as they are, and even when the file ciphering key received from the software distribution processor 10 is used, the files can not be deciphered.



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